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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

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1. CARIBBEAN

a. CINCLANT HAS REPLIED TO A JCS REQUEST TO FURNISH REACTION TIMES FOR THE MARINE CARIBBEAN BLT SUPPORTING CINCLANT OPLAN 310-62. CINCLANT STATES THAT FROM DEFCON 5, WITH THE BLT ASHORE AT VIEQUES, 72 HOURS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PLACE IT ASHORE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. FROM DEFCON 1, WITH FORCES ALERTED AND IN THE AREA, THE BLT COULD BE PLACED ASHORE IN 2 HOURS.

CINCLANT 182146Z (S)

b. CINCONAD HAS REQUESTED CINCLANT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RE PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTION TO MAINTAIN AN ALERT DETACHMENT AT NAS KEY WEST FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. SUCH ACTION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING CUBAN PROBLEM, AND INCREASED, AGGRESSIVE FLYING BY CUBAN AIRCRAFT. CINCONAD STATES IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE F-104 SQUADRON AT HOMESTEAD AFB BECOMES FULLY OPERATIONAL ABOUT 15 JUNE, VMF(AW)-531 WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM NAS KEY WEST. PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTION ARE THAT CINCLANT EITHER CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A F4B DETACHMENT AT NAS KEY WEST UNDER CONAD OPCON, OR THAT CONAD PROVIDE A TEMPORARY DETACHMENT OF F-104 AIRCRAFT AT NAS KEY WEST.

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See also: Addendum